

CLAIM AMENDMENTS**1. (currently amended) An optical monitor module comprising:**

a substrate having formed in its one surface ~~thereof~~ a positioning structure for positioning a plurality of optical fibers in parallel and for determining ~~their positions of said optical fibers in the direction of their arrangement and~~ in a direction perpendicular to said one surface;

first and second optical fibers mounted in parallel on said substrate by said positioning structure, said first ~~and second optical fibers~~ fiber having an axis and a lens portion with a graded-index structure formed integrally therewith at the same end lens portions in one end of the first optical fiber for emitting light at an angle inclined to said axis of the first optical fiber, and said second optical fiber having an axis and a lens portion with a graded-index structure formed integrally in one end of the second optical fiber for receiving light at an angle inclined to said axis of the second optical fiber; and

a beam splitter or optical filter mounted on said substrate at a position ~~intermediate between elongations an extension~~ of said lens portions axis of said first optical fiber and an extension of said axis of said second optical fibers fiber, for transmitting therethrough a portion of receiving light emitted from a first optical path through said lens portion of said first optical fiber and for reflecting the other a portion of said light for incidence on along a second optical path to said lens portion of said second optical fiber;

wherein ~~optical paths between said lens portions of said first and second optical fibers and said beam splitter or optical filter~~ said first optical path and said second optical path are space.

2. (original) The optical monitor module of claim 1, wherein an end face of said lens portion of each of said first and second optical fibers is angled.

3. (original) The optical monitor module of claim 1, wherein said positioning structure includes first and second grooves of the same shape and the same depth formed in said one surface of said substrate, for positioning said first and second optical fibers disposed in said first and second grooves, respectively.

4. (original) The optical monitor module of claim 3, wherein said first and second grooves are V-grooves.

5. (original) The optical monitor module of claim 3, wherein said substrate has formed in said one surface three or more parallel grooves of the same shape and the same depth, two of said three or more grooves being said first and second grooves.

6. (currently amended) The optical monitor module of claim 1, wherein ~~the direction of incidence of light on and emittance from the end face of said lens portion of said first optical fiber and the direction of incidence of light on and emittance from the end face of said lens portion of said second optical fiber~~ said first optical path and said second optical path intersect near at a straight line extending intermediately between elongations-extensions of said axis of the first optical fiber and said axis of the second optical fiber in parallel relation thereto and to said one surface of said substrate, and said beam splitter or optical filter is positioned near said intersection.

7. (currently amended) The optical monitor module of claim 6, wherein said straight line is a line located centrally between the elongations-extensions of the axes of said first and second optical fibers.

8. (currently amended) The optical monitor module of claim 1, ~~wherein that comprises an optical part for incidence thereon of light transmitted through said beam splitter or optical filter is mounted on said substrate, wherein said beam splitter or optical filter transmits a part of the light received from the first optical path to said optical part.~~